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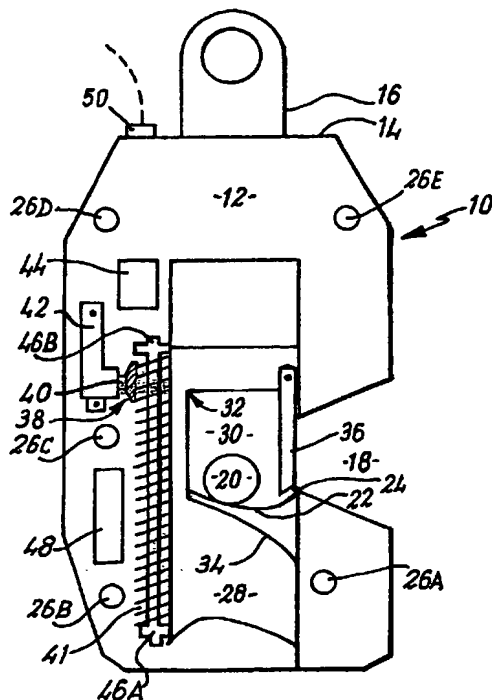
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(54) Title: RELEASE HOOK



(57) Abstract: A release hook (10) for selectively releasing a load supported on the hook (10). The hook (10) includes an ejector lever (28) which is actuated by a motor (42) and gearing mechanism (38) located within the hook (10). This arrangement provides a relatively lightweight and compact hook (10). Embodiments of gearing mechanisms (38) are described as is a catch to hold (36) a cable (20) or the like in the hook (10) and various pad-eyes (16) which advantageously swivel to allow the hook (10) to rotate relative to a crane block.